

January 9	Temperature				Precipitation		
	mean max	mean min	record max highest / lowest (year)	record min highest / lowest (year)	mean	record highest (year)	chance
San Diego	66	49	85 (1923) / 52 (1913)	60 (1980) / 35 (1891)	0.07	1.02 (1980)	23%
Santa Ana	69	46	86 (1928) / 52 (1945)	57 (1995) / 28 (1952)	0.10	1.40 (1980)	20%
Riverside	66	42	86 (1990) / 49 (1969)	53 (1995) / 27 (1951)	0.07	1.34 (1980)	20%
Escondido	68	42	91 (1923) / 51 (1937)	55 (1980) / 26 (1937)	0.10	1.80 (1993)	26%
Big Bear Lake	47	20	64 (1990) / 32 (1993)	35 (1980) / 2 (1989)	0.12	4.05 (2005)	21%
Idyllwild	53	27	82 (1948) / 32 (1949)	39 (1982) / 10 (1955)	0.17	1.91 (1980)	22%
Palomar Mountain	51	35	71 (1962) / 34 (1993)	53 (1948) / 18 (1942)	0.17	3.79 (2005)	22%
Victorville	59	31	74 (1990) / 44 (1952)	48 (1995) / 17 (1964)	0.03	0.37 (2001)	15%
Palm Springs	69	43	92 (1923) / 50 (1930)	60 (1962) / 26 (1937)	0.04	1.13 (1980)	12%
Borrego Springs	68	43	83 (1969) / 55 (1971)	55 (2005) / 29 (1971)	0.04	0.78 (1980)	15%

Mean temperatures and precipitation based on 1971-2000 normals. The year given is the year of latest occurrence.

Periods of record: San Diego temperature: 1872, precipitation: 1850. Santa Ana temperature: 1916, precipitation: 1906. Riverside: 1924. Escondido: 1900. Big Bear Lake: 1960. Idyllwild: 1943. Palomar Mountain: 1938. Victorville: 1917. Palm Springs temperature: 1917, precipitation: 1906. Borrego Springs temperature: 1965, precipitation: 1942.

On this day in...

2005: Five consecutive days of heavy rainfall started on 1.7 and ended on 1.11. The wet weather was blamed on the “Madden-Julian Oscillation”, also known as the “Pineapple Connection”. Thirty inches of rainfall over the five days deluged Lytle Creek. Four to ten inches fell at lower elevations. Widespread catastrophic floods impacted nearly every community. This followed heavy storms in late December and earlier in January.

2001: A very high tide and a four foot surf flooded Surfside in Seal Beach.

1998: Heavy rain that started on 1.8 and ended on 1.10 brought two inches of rainfall, causing floods and mud slides in Del Dios (near Escondido). A tornado hit Long Beach causing property damage. A waterspout was observed three miles off Laguna Beach.

1993: A very wet series of storms that began on 1.6 and ended on 1.18 produced 20 to 50 inches of precipitation in the mountains and up to 12 inches at lower elevations over a two week period. It was one of the longest periods of consecutive days of rain on record (13) and measurable rain fell nearly every day from 1.2 to 1.19. Flooding and flash flooding, mud slides, etc., resulted.

1949: The most significant snowstorm to hit lower elevations started on this day and ended on 1.11. 14 inches fell in Woodland Hills, eight inches in La Cañada and Catalina Island (at 2,100 feet), six inches in Altadena, five inches in Burbank, four inches in Pasadena, one inch in Laguna Beach and Long Beach. A trace fell in San Diego, the only time since 1882. Three feet piled up at Mt. Laguna, 18 inches fell on Cuyamaca, and one foot in Julian. Four to eight inches fell as low as 1000 feet in elevation. A light covering was reported in La Jolla, Point Loma, Miramar, Escondido, Spring Valley, and other outlying San Diego areas. The snow snarled all kinds of transportation and caused power outages and emergencies. A plane crash killed five and injured one near Julian. A camping group was stranded at Cuyamaca.

1948: It was 82° in Idyllwild, the highest temperature on record for January.

1888: Freezing temperatures in inland valleys killed the citrus crop.